

**The Weather**  
Generally fair tonight  
and Thursday; colder  
tonight.

# TONOPAH DAILY BONANZA

**Metal Quotations**  
Silver ..... 54 1/2  
Copper ..... 20 1/4  
Lead ..... \$5.00

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## TROOPS ORDERED TO EXCHANGE BULLETS

### Mexicans Deliberately Shooting Across the International Boundary Line

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The American troops at El Paso have been ordered by the war department "To return vigorously any further deliberate firing" from the Mexican side. General Pershing, commanding the border patrol, reported that an Ameri-

can car inspector was killed by firing that was the result of a deliberate act of a squad of Mexicans half a mile east of the international bridge. General Avila, in charge of the troops at Juarez, ordered several of the rioters shot, according to military reports.

## JOSEPH E. FLEMING CROSSES THE DIVIDE

DECEASED WAS A WELL KNOWN MINER AND LIVED IN TONOPAH FOR YEARS

After an illness lasting for more than a year, Joseph E. Fleming answered the summons last evening at 4:30, leaving a wife and two little daughters to mourn their loss. His mother and two sisters live at Monserat, Missouri.

Mr. Fleming was aged 51 years and was born in Columbus, Ohio. He was engaged in mining in Colorado for some time, coming to Tonopah in 1901. After residing here for some time, engaged in leasing, he went to Goldfield and Rawhide to take charge of mining properties. In 1908 he returned to Tonopah and has resided here ever since, being employed in various mines. He was widely known and very popular.

A year ago his lungs became affected and he was an invalid ever since. The funeral will take place at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the family residence.

## GERMAN ACTIVITY IN SOUTH PACIFIC ENDS

NEW ZEALAND AUTHORITIES RAID AN ISLAND TRADING FIRM

(By Associated Press.)  
WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Dec. 22.—In consequence of complaints by the Auckland chamber of commerce that the Deutsche Handels und Plantagen Gesellschaft, a German Pacific island trading firm with headquarters in Hamburg and a large business in copra, was doing business in Samoa and the Tonga group, the headquarters and four plantations of the company in Samoa were lately raided by the New Zealand government authorities, papers were seized and several Germans were arrested. Subsequently Karl Hansen, the general manager, was convicted before a military court of evading the censorship by mailing letters to Germany from San Francisco through the connivance of sailing vessels plying between California and Samoa. Adolph Eberhardt, manager of one of the company's largest coconut groves, was found guilty of having withheld from the New Zealand military authorities documents which had belonged to the German Samoan government. Hansen was sentenced to six months imprisonment and internment until the end of the war; and Eberhardt was sentenced to a fine of \$150 and internment.

The business has been placed in the hands of a receiver appointed by the New Zealand government.

## BULLION SHIPMENT BY TONOPAH BELMONT CO.

Despite the fire that destroyed the refinery building of the Tonopah Belmont Development company, that corporation yesterday forwarded almost on time, its regular semi-monthly clean-up. It consisted of 48 bars of bullion, weighing 98,164 ounces. Estimating the silver and gold content at 70 cents an ounce, the consignment was worth \$68,714.80. Returns have not yet been received from the company's shipment from its Millers plant.

## TONOPAH LAD RETURNS A SEASONED SEAMAN

WILLIAM PECK TRAVELS TO FAR DISTANT PORTS OVER TWO OCEANS

William Peck, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. June Peck, returned this morning from his first cruise, one that carried him a distance of 33,143 miles. He left Tonopah June 11, 1915, and on the 24th embarked as an ordinary seaman on the steamer Colusa, the captain of which is an old friend of a seagoing uncle of the boy. The Colusa carries a tonnage of 7500.

The first port reached from San Francisco was Sydney and then Port Pirie, Australia. Thence he sailed to America, passing through the Panama canal and touching at Baltimore, Boston, New York and Newport News. The Colusa then sailed for Santos, Brazil, where it took on the largest cargo ever brought to San Francisco.

The homeward trip was by way of Cape Horn, the canal being blocked. The most thrilling experience was a storm off the entrance to the Straits of Magellan. The vessel strained until five rivets were broken and the ship began to leak, but the cargo was not damaged, temporary repairs being made with cement. To add to the difficulties the steam steering gear went out of commission and the vessel had to be steered by hand during the storm off the entrance to the Straits of Magellan. The vessel was for a time in grave danger in the straits. William will return to school in obedience to his parents' wishes, but he expects to return to the sea life later. To evidence how he enjoyed the trip it may be stated that he gained 28 pounds.

## BIGGEST CHRISTMAS BUSINESS FOR TONOPAH

EXPRESS COMPANY AND POST-OFFICE ARE WORKING OVER-TIME WITH PARCELS

A Bonanza representative visited the Wells Fargo office today and found the clerks all so busy that he could not converse with them except in snatched moments. There was a rush of packages out and already gifts are beginning to arrive.

Postmaster J. W. Stewart says that this is the busiest Christmas season, that the Tonopah postoffice ever had, due largely to this is the first year that the parcel post system has been in full operation and has become popularized. The extra work in the office is being handled by the regular force, which is as busy as a bunch of niggers.

Yesterday and today Wells, Fargo and the postoffice each sent to the trains two monster loads of express and mail. These loads would fill over half the space of a large express car, thus proving that Tonopah is prosperous and that the people here have not forgotten the old folks at home.

All toys, games, dolls and similar lines of holiday goods will be closed out at from 25 to 50 per cent off. Splendid new novelties for gifts. Rotholz Bros. See us. —Adv. D2024

A dance will be given by the Loyal Order of Moose at the Airdome Christmas eve. Admission free. Everybody invited.—Adv. D211d

## BRITISH ARMY RAISED TO FOUR MILLION

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 22.—After an all-night debate the house granted an increase of a million men in the army, bringing its strength on paper to four million. The second note to Austria on the Ancona matter has been delivered, according to a Vienna dispatch.

## BANDITS EXECUTED AT MEXICO CITY

(By Associated Press.)  
GALVESTON, Dec. 22.—Six members of a bandit gang were executed in Mexico City, according to a dispatch. Four others were given respite at the last moment. Five women were arrested with the bandits and sentenced to prison.

## CAPTAIN VON PAPEN SAILS FOR ROTTERDAM

DECLARES HE HAS DONE NOTHING AGAINST DIPLOMATIC COURTESY

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Captain von Papen, Germany's recalled military attaché, sailed today for Rotterdam, bearing safe conduct to Germany from the entente allies. He said he had no feeling of bitterness, because he believed that history would establish "clean records despite misrepresentations." He will be glad to go to the trenches. "I have not done anything against diplomatic courtesy," he said. His baggage and that of all other passengers was examined.

## MINISTER ARRESTED FOR RAISING A NOTE

REV. RIPPE NOW AT LIBERTY UNDER TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND

(By Associated Press.)  
PRESNO, Cal., Dec. 22.—Rev. Herman Rippe, pastor of the German Lutheran church, is at liberty under a \$2000 bond. He was arrested last night, charged with obtaining \$225 under false pretenses. Henry Schmidt, a member of the church, signed the complaint, charging the minister with having raised a note from \$25 to \$250. Three members of the church signed his bond.

WILL INVESTIGATE CASE

Judge Emmet T. Walsh of the district court of Mineral county has issued an order for the grand jury, which will be drawn early in January, to investigate the facts surrounding the death of Frank Weber, head of the government reclamation service, which occurred on the Walker Lake Indian reservation, November 3.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

The handsome little trinket, advertised by C. R. Graham as having been lost or stolen, was recovered through the classified ad column of the Bonanza. Mr. Graham says that he will place it in safe deposit in order to ensure himself against any future trouble of this sort, which caused him much distress of mind.

THE STORE OF QUALITY

Ryan & Stenson in the Bonanza today extend to their friends and patrons a cordial holiday greeting. "The store of quality" is offering an exceptionally select line of Christmas novelties and its stock of clothing, furs, shoes and furnishing goods is complete.

## BELMONT PLANT AT MILLERS SENDS BARS

The Tonopah Belmont Development company this morning shipped by Wells, Fargo from its Millers plant, 33 bars of bullion, weighing 54,936 ounces, the clean-up for the first half of December. The value of the shipment, figuring the silver and gold at 70 cents an ounce, was \$38,455.20.

## BIG BANK FAILURE IN THE SMOKY CITY

### Forty Thousand Children Were Depositors in the Concern that Closed its Doors

(By Associated Press.)  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 22.—Pittsburgh Bank for Savings, one of the best known in this city failed to open this morning. It was closed by order of the state banking department. The failure, according to President Jones, was due to the depreciation of some securities held by the bank in various corporations. The deposits are nearly \$11,000,000. The savings of more than forty thousand school children are included in the deposits.

## J. GRANT CRUMLEY WINS DAMAGE SUIT

In the case of J. G. Crumley, plaintiff, versus the Southern Pacific company, a corporation, defendant, Judge Averill in the district court this afternoon handed down the following opinion:

The Pullman company, which was originally one of the defendants in the above entitled cause, was eliminated from the case before it came to trial.

The failure to plead by the Southern Pacific company that it had posted its new schedule when it attempted to put in force the rule that no one person could occupy a drawing room on a Pullman standard sleeper without holding two railroad passage tickets contracted the issues to what actually happened when the plaintiff was removed from the drawing room, this court having held that under our law there can be no substitute for actual posting and that the posting itself must be done strictly in accordance with the law before a new schedule can become effective.

Upon the principle that there can be no substitute for what the law requires, evidence tending to show oral notice by ticket clerks and other was excluded.

The evidence of what occurred on the train shows that Mr. Crumley was finally ejected from the drawing room because he held but one railroad ticket and because no other person appeared to occupy it with him, holding, of necessity, a second railroad ticket. He had ridden before alone in the drawing room of a Pullman sleeper on the same route, Reno

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## CHRISTMAS WEATHER PROMISED BY LEGLER

NYE COUNTY COMMUNITY TREE WILL BE SURROUNDED BY MERRY HOST

On Thursday evening at 7:30 the Christmas committee will meet for a short time at the Airdome to make sure that all preparations are complete for the big Nye county community celebration on Christmas day. The program will begin at 1:30 p. m., sharp.

The program will begin at 1:30 p. m. weather and that, added to the Christmas spirit so evident in Tonopah, together with the visit of Santa Claus from his home at the North Pole, assures Tonopah and Nye county the greatest Christmas celebration in its history.

## AN ENORMOUS AREA IS UNCULTIVATED

LESS THAN 1,000,000 OF NEVADA'S 18,000,000 ACRES OF ARABLE LAND TILLED

Among the states and territories, Nevada ranks fourth in area, with 110,690 square miles of surface; 869 of which is water. The land area may be roughly classified, from the agricultural standpoint, into three groups; namely: alkali wastes and barrens; mountains and rolling grazing lands; and arable valley lands. While no accurate computation has yet been made by either the state or the national government of the lands in each group, sufficient data is obtainable on which to base a reasonable approximation. According to such calculations, the alkali deserts and verdureless barrens occupy approximately one-sixth of the total area of the state, or about 12,000,000 acres. The mountains, hilly and rolling lands, unsuitable for agriculture but affording excellent range for cattle and sheep, and on which 500,000 head of cattle and 1,500,000 head of sheep find subsistence, is estimated at 40,000,000 acres. The total area of arable lands is estimated at not less than 18,000,000 acres. The immensity of this latter acreage may be conceived when it is stated that it is equivalent in area to all of Massachusetts, New

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## SCHOOL OF MUSKETRY UNITED STATES ARMY

REGIMENTED INSTRUCTION WILL BE GIVEN AT EACH GOVERNMENT POST

(By Associated Press.)  
FOR SILL, Okla., Dec. 22.—The school of musketry of the United States army—the only school of its kind in the country—will open at the reservation here shortly before the first of January. The exact date has not been decided upon, as the new buildings which are to house the school have not yet been fully completed.

The school is for the training of officers and non-commissioned officials of the army in directing and controlling the fire of bodies of troops and in the systematic handling and formation of troops under fire. Individual marksmanship is not taught. The school was organized last July. It was located at Fort Sill because of the presence here of the school of fire for field artillery, with which it co-operates, and because of the topography and extent of the local reservation, which is the largest in the country. Later on, the war department intends to install regimental schools in each post and then the institution here will be turned into a normal school for training of teachers.

Musicians' dance at Airdome Saturday night. Admission free. —Adv. D2016

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